

The people who walked
in darkness have seen a
great light - Isa 9:2

Matt 4:16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ***"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."***

First: A call to REPENT
for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand

Joh 3:19-22 ESV And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John 12:46 ESV I have come into the world as light, so that *whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.*

John 8:12 ESV Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. *Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,* but will have the light of life."

Eph 5:7-10 ESV Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but *now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light* 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness

Second: A call to BE
THE LIGHT (fishers of
men)

BY GOOD WORKS

Mat 5:14-16 ESV "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

BY PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Act 26:18 ESV *to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light* and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Third: Another aspect of
Light is the Word of
God

Psa 119:105 ESV Your word is *a lamp* to my feet and *a light* to my path.

Psa 43:3 ESV *Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;* let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Psa 119:130 ESV The *unfolding of your words gives light;* it imparts understanding to the simple.

John 12:46-48 ESV I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

Psa 36:9 ESV For with you is the fountain of life; *in your light do we see light.*

Isa 5:20 ESV Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, *who put darkness for light and light for darkness,* who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

His word must be IN us
(ie this means that it
has an effect in our
lives where we practice
truth)

1Jn 1:5-10 ESV This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and *the truth is not in us.* 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and *his word is not in us.*

SUMMARY

Light in the darkness - recognition of Jesus and a call to repent (respond to the light)

For those who respond - there is a call to BE a light for others “we are all missionaries”

We must embrace the LIGHT of His Word - Is the TRUTH “IN” you? Is His WORD “IN” you?